

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

PATENT CLAIMS

We claim:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The device Device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 1 ~~18 or 2, wherein~~ characterized in that ~~it~~ the device has a said stop means ~~(21, 22)~~, which limits the depth of penetration of the said needles (9) into the body in a defined manner.
3. (Currently amended) The device Device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 2 ~~or 3, wherein~~ characterized in that ~~a said spacer (22)~~, which has said holes (23) associated with the said needles (9) and can be pushed over the said needles in order to limit the depth of penetration into the body, is provided at least as a stop means.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) The device Device for needle biopsy in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1 through 8~~ claim 18, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that ~~a said common protective sleeve (14)~~, which can be attached by plugging to the said syringe cylinder (1) over the needles, is provided for all said needles (9).
10. (Currently amended) The device Device for needle biopsy in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1 through 4~~ claim 18, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that ~~a said filter means (13)~~ is arranged in the path between the opening of the said channels (12) into the tips of the said needles (9) and the interior of the said syringe cylinder (1).
11. (Currently amended) The device Device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 10, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that ~~the said filter means comprises said individual filter inserts (13)~~ in the tip-side end area of the said needles (9).
12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (New) A device for needle biopsy with a syringe cylinder, with a plunger displaceable therein as well as with a needle means,

wherein

the needle means has a plurality of puncture needles, whose channels open into the interior of the cylinder, and a ventilation means is formed by at least one overflow channel, which is formed at a distance from the syringe bottom in the inner wall of the cylinder, wherein the length of the channel in the direction of the cylinder axis makes it possible that the volume between the bottom and the plunger can be temporarily connected with the interior of the cylinder that is located above the plunger via at least one overflow channel.
19. (New) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the needle means has a plurality of puncture needles.
20. (New) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least one indicator projection, which projects from the inner wall of the cylinder and can be overcome by the plunger, is provided at a distance from the bottom of the cylinder.
21. (New) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least some of the puncture needles of the needle means have different lengths.